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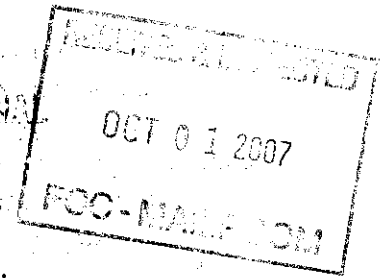
APPEAL

Reference : CC Docket No.02-6

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Billed Entity Information:

Billed Entity Name: Lena Winslow School District
Billed Entity Number: 135867
Form 471 Application Number 499984
FRN Numbers: 1383697, 1383712, 1383727, 1383734, 1383738, 1383742, 1383745, 138374
Form 486 App Number 385288
Form 486 App ID LENA486-06

I am writing to appeal the "Appeal decision of USAC" to change the Start Dates for FRNs 1383697, 1383712, 1383727, 1383734, 1383738, 1383742, 1383745, 1383749. The start date for all of these was changed to 11/29/06 per USAC rules for filing late. We would like to appeal this decision and change our start dates for both FRN to their original date of 7/1/06, as was approved on the 471 Funding Decision Letter for 471 Application 499984, because to our District's knowledge all forms for this funding year (2005-2006) were filed on time. It has since been discovered that the person in charge of completing the E-rate process in 2006, did not complete form 486 when he retired from our school district June 30, 2006, and he did not communicate to his replacement, nor any other employee that this form 486 still needed to be completed.

It was only when we received an URGENT Reminder from USAC on April 4, 2007, that we became aware of this problem. We began looking into the matter promptly and were instructed by USAC staff to file the 486 for 2006-2007 right away, that we can still get the funding. So following the instruction of USAC staff we filed the form 486 right away, however we still lost almost 50% of our funding for that year due to the late filing. We just found out that we had an opportunity to appeal the start day per instructions on the 486, however the person to receive the 486 notification had no experience with E-rate, did not realize that the start dates were changed and needed to be appealed. It was after an E-rate consultant, began questioning the start date change that we pulled the letter and filed the appeal. The appeal was not even considered by USAC because it was not submitted within the 60 day time frame. (See attached letter).

We are hoping you can overturn this decision and grant us the money even though we filled the appeal late. It would be a shame to lose out on such a valuable resource that our children's education depends on, due to an employee departing our District. We apologize for the oversight on our part, but hope you can overlook this one time incident. Things do unfortunately get overlooked when there is a personnel change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Babcock

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2006-2007

July 27, 2007

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Re: Applicant Name: LENA-WINSLOW C U SCH DIST 202
Billed Entity Number: 135867
Form 471 Application Number: 499984
Funding Request Number(s): 1383697, 1383712, 1383727, 1383734, 1383738,
1383742, 1383745, 1383749
Decision Letter Date: April 04, 2007
Date Appeal Postmarked: July 20, 2007
Your Correspondence Dated: July 20, 2007

Our records show that your appeal was postmarked more than 60 days after the date your Form 486 Notification Letter was issued, as shown above. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to postmark appeals within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be POSTMARKED within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

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